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We publish herewith the initial number of the COHASSET COTTAGER, a new candidate for public favor. Our aim will be to give the people of this historic and beautiful town a paper of high character and of interest to every reader.

Our facilities for the production of a good suburban newspaper are not excelled by any printing office in the State, and our ambition is to provide a well-edited and neatly-printed publication.

Enough of this first issue have been printed to supply every household in town, free of expense, with two copies, one copy for local use and an extra one, (enclosed in wrapper,) which we will thank you to promptly mail to absent Cohasset friends. We shall be glad if every native of the town, who now lives abroad, receives a copy of our first issue.

Cohasset.

The Sears place on the Jerusalem road has been purchased by Mr. F. Dickinson, Jr., and Henry D. Hyde. The estate comprises fourteen acres.

Mr. Wm. Edly has on the stocks a fine yacht thirty feet in length. Her builder, George Steers of New York, built the famous yacht America. The new yacht will be owned and commanded by Capt. Charles B. Pratt of North Scituate, and will be for the accommodation of sailing and fishing parties the coming summer.

Quite a number of our carpenters are now finding employment in the erection and repairing of summer residences, thereby giving to our town quite a business-like appearance.

As Mr. Link Wheelwright was engaged in his employment of fish peddling one day last week, a dog sprang upon and bit him such a smart extent before he could defend himself, that he was obliged to quit work.

Almost every lady from the city will wear, during the summer, one of Gen. Grant's undersuits. We will have a supply equal to the demand.

One of Mr. Edward Tower's workmen was quite badly injured the other day while driving into the barn a high load of hay.

Young John O'Brien and his chum Jimmy, being suspected by our Station Agent, were arrested for stealing a box of raisins from the freight depot. O'Brien has stolen before and a number of our citizens have never received freight sent them.

Mr. C. F. Tilden is building at his stable a six sided rackway carriage, the first one of the kind ever constructed in Cohasset. The large party barn "Elaire" built the first of the winter, has been also repaired. It is intended to run this barn to and from Pleasant Beach during the summer season.

Perhaps it is as if enough to have luncheon run home about our streets, but to a stranger it does not seem so. One day last week, a man was seen on our streets excitedly gesturing with his arms in his hand, talking in a loud voice and acting as if he was trying to convince an assemblage that his work was law. Upon inquiry it was found that he was perfectly harmless, and was only having one of his periodical insane spells.

Many of the residents on Jerusalem road have asked that attention be given to sewerage, and our Selectmen gave the subject a hearing at their recent last Friday.

Cyrus Bates, who has been spending the winter with his family in Chelsea, has returned to Cohasset.

J. Q. A. Lotthrop has been a member of the Board of Selectmen, with but one year's exception, for over twenty years.

Our neighbors who have anything to sell, professional and business men and women, hotels and boarding houses, servants and real estate owners, in fact, almost all classes, can see our advantage in giving columns from time to time to great advantage. Our rates will be found most reasonable. Any inquiries by postal card to our publisher about Job Printing or Advertising will be promptly answered. Orders for single copies, subscriptions, advertising or jobbing may be left with the Publishers Agent, Mr. Newcomb Bates.

The membership of the Cohasset cemetery corporation will hold their annual meeting for the choice of officers and for the transaction of any other business that may legally come before them, at the Cohasset Savings Bank next Monday evening, April 3d.

Many years ago there lived in Cohasset a character known as Trials Mike, famous for drawing the longbow in conversation. Many of his stories have become proverbial and it will be our aim to gather up some of these for the edification of our readers:

SHOW BUT SURE.

Trials Mike owned a gun which figured in many of his stories. One day while gunning, he came across a flock of wild turkeys. The next morning, he took careful aim and pulled the trigger, but the old gun refused to go off. After several unsuccessful trials he gave it up and sauntered toward the tavern. While there, enjoying himself with one of his boon companions, he heard a strange noise from his gun. Grasping it and peering down the barrel, he saw the ball gradually coming toward the muzzle. He immediately hastened to the place where the turkeys were feeding, and had just time to take aim, when the gun went off, killing the largest of the flock.

Of the books taken out of the public library during the year, 74 per cent, not including magazines, were works of fiction. A meeting of the trustees of the public library will be held at the library room on Monday afternoon, to elect officers for the year and to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Mr. Nichols Tower.

Nichols Tower, a new road from Jerusalem Road to Beach Island, is nearly completed and promises to be a very popular drive.

Mr. Henry C. Tower and family have returned from the city.

Sons and daughters of Cohasset, who have gone out from the old hearthstone to make their homes in other towns and states, are cordially invited to subscribe for the Cottager. This paper will bring you a generous weekly budget of home news and will revive, as nothing else will, old time memories. We hope to give it the genuine favor of the sea and of this rockbound coast.

Cohasset has as fine accommodations for a post-office as any town on the south shore. Postmaster Gross attends to the government business with dispatch and courtesy.

Mr. Newcomb Bates will have charge of the sale for Cohasset of the Cottager. Mr. B. has also Boston Dulcians and a stock of fine stationery always on hand.

The Collier House, on the north side of Elm St., will be sold at auction on Wednesday, April 12th, at 10 o'clock. The purchaser is to remove buildings, material and rubbish by the first of June, or the property will revert to the former owner.

It is rumored that Mr. A. P. Potter, president of the Maverick Bank, has bought the estate at Pleasant Beach belonging to Peter C. Kimball and intends erecting this summer an elegant residence.

The schools close about the first of May.

At the Unitarian parish annual meeting, J. Q. A. Lotthrop was chosen moderator and Caleb Lotthrop, clerk. J. Q. A. Lotthrop, A. B. Tower and E. E. Ellms were chosen assessors and N. B. Tower, treasurer. It was voted to raise \$1800 the ensuing year. Voted that the amount to be appropriated for music be left with the assessors. Voted that women shall be entitled to vote on the same basis as men. Adjourned to meet the second Monday in March, 1883, in the afternoon, instead of evening, as formerly.

The valuation of Cohasset is almost evenly divided between real and personal property, there being in real estate \$1,713,342, and in personal property \$1,140,562.

The solicitations are good for a thriving business for hotel and boarding house keepers, merchants, back drivers, boat owners, etc., in Cohasset the coming summer. Insert your cards in the Cottager.

Capt. James Collins and daughter are on the way from Calcutta for New York in Capt. S. ship, Pharo, and are expected home about the middle of May. The Capt. has been gone about two and a half years and his daughter joined him in San Francisco about a year and a half ago. They have since visited Liverpool and Calcutta, and on reaching home will have been around the world. Mrs. James H. Little, who joined her husband, Capt. Little of the ship Melanor, in Calcutta about a year ago, is also expected home soon.

The public schools will close on Friday, when they will take vacation of one week, with the exception of the Jerusalem school, Miss Fox, teacher, which takes this week also. The Jerusalem school was examined on Friday, as was also the King street school, Miss Mattie P. Bates, teacher. The Harbor school, Miss Whittington,

was examined Monday afternoon; the South, Misses Jessie Vinal and Myra Beal, Tuesday; the Centre, Misses Southern and Lizzie C. Bates, Wednesday; the North, Misses M. A. Bates and Susie Stoddard, Thursday; and the High, Miss D. S. Lotthrop and Mr. E. P. Collier, Friday.

The annual High School party, at the Town Hall, the school has chosen, as committee for the evening, Frank Conard, of the class of '82, and Harry Mapes, Cornelius O'Keefe and Geo. Groves, of the class of '83. The High School party is an established affair in this town, and those who attend never fail to have a good time.

The Selection gave a hearing in the Town Hall on the petition of Messrs. Crocker and Hollingsworth, in regard to laying a sewer on Jerusalem road. As it was evident that there would be a good deal of opposition on the part of the town's people, the petitioners decided to construct the sewer at their own expense. The estimated cost is about \$6000.

Mr. Nathan Bent, the well known track dealer of Boston, has built a new house on Jerusalem road, at the Cohasset end of Straits pond. The two old houses at this point, long an eyesore to passers-by, will be removed. Mr. Herbert Beale is the contractor of the new house.

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The Treasurer was authorized to hire money anticipation of taxes and to pay said money into the treasury.

Art. 1.—Voted in relation to collection of taxes as follows:

Single poll taxes and school books shall be collected and payable on presentation of bill. On all taxes, except school books, voluntarily paid in to the treasury on or before the first day of September, there shall be allowed a discount of 5 per cent, and on or before 10th of November, a discount of 2 1/2 per cent, and all remaining unpaid on 10th of January, 1883, shall be collected delinquent, and collected in a manner provided by law.

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Possible Return of the State Prison to Boston.

One of the problems that is likely to be presented to the Legislature for solution is that of the return of the State Prison to its old quarters in the Charlesworth district. It is said that the Prison Committee is in favor of such a change, and that an endeavor is to be made to induce the General Court to meet the legislation necessary for its removal.

Principal among the objections to this scheme is the fact that the State has expended about \$1,500,000 on the Concord property. To abandon that property or to divert it to use other than that for which it is now employed would involve the loss of a portion, probably a large portion, of this sum. But it is urged, on the other hand, that about \$200,000 must be expended in construction at Concord, and in the sanitary condition of the premises at that place. A question of the serious character, as to the drainage of the Charlesworth property, arising from being excluded from the Charlesworth River, is now distributed over the near its buildings, which it will no longer have saturated and rendered the cause of an intolerable nuisance. Moreover, the water supply of the prison is limited to that obtained from wells, driven into the land on which the sewage flows; the supply, therefore, is certain to become contaminated in the early spring. Should another more abundant supply be secured, the discharge of sewage will be more matter than less, and just where it is to be made, whence others of the most disgusting description already arise, on the existence of a water-closet in each cell is a source of much trouble. The waste pipes from these closets are in a state of such disrepair that in several cells four closets at the point at which four cells come together; and if any pipe in one of them takes place of a stone-work must come down below the cell and be removed. It seems to be a very serious question, whether these water closets cannot be kept sweet if it is necessary that the occupant of each cell sleep practically with his head in his closet. Other reasons that have been advanced are, the location of the prison remote from any thickly settled locality, the unsatisfactory condition of its construction, by which its inmates are so only for their occupants, a drain of its inmates can be and are unimpaired with by outsiders, and ventilation is defective; and that the death rate is greater, and evidently more so, than that which was when the institution was at Charlestown.—Boston Journal.

"Birch-Twigs" were the first words of marriage notice in a late Philadelphia paper; and another and still more suggestive were "Price-Given."

The information that Brigham Young will arrive, and will turn up as a respected body when the crisis in Mormon affairs comes, is very startling—to every man may believe it.

Definition of a baby: It is composed of a bald head and a pair of eyes. One runs like a rest while other things leave the shop. One of them goes on deck all the time.

Why does a doxy cat thistles? It is a teacher of one of the largest in the class. "Because he is a doxy, I reckon," was the prompt reply.

Valuation book of Marklehead, just published is said to be the only valuation ever issued. Besides the entire contents of the volume, the vital statistics, and the records of the town meetings for 1881, the expenditures and receipts in detail, and a lot of other valuable information.

Mr. Lincoln, it is said, used to give following advice to his children, which it will do just as well for your friend as for his, and for you and as for Lincoln himself, who present it here:

"Don't drink, don't smoke, don't swear, don't grumble, don't cheat; don't cheat; love your fellowmen as God; love truth, love virtue, be happy."

The exchange wonders what the matter with the girls that "do their best" in your court paper." That editor don't know much about water wars but what you may call-on's evidently, is a three cent stamp for partners.

Lincoln's assertion that the wealth of the world lies in Arizona and New Mexico is likely to be proven according to Chief Justice Prince of the latter country, who says it contains more gold than California and more silver than Colorado.

A speculative Canadian has just arrived for the great Northwest with a large team of experts, expecting to open to them in the fall. He believes here will be such a flow of settlers in the coming summer that it will be impossible for them to procure accommodation, and that they will gladly settle for temporary dwellings.

A friend, Mr. Crighton, a wide observer of men and things, told me this morning in discussing the subject, "Why, I know several instances of those whose table a hasty-dinner is a frequent dish; but I don't know of any poor family in which it is." They are afraid it may seem a man's dish."

"Oh," he said, "to mix old-meal with Indian, half and half, is hasty-dinner."

I told that my friend, Stephen S. assures me that the biggest arm-work he has overdone, was finished on hasty-dinner.

A vertical strip of aged, yellowed paper with a heavily torn and ragged right edge, showing significant wear and damage. The paper has a mottled, textured appearance with various shades of tan and brown. The right edge is irregular and jagged, with many small tears and missing pieces. The left edge is straight and clean. The overall appearance is that of an old, weathered document or book binding.

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